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*Request for Continued Examination*

Atty. Docket No. DE9-1999-0085 US1  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Thomas Boehme  
Serial No. : 09/749,375 Examiner : V. Paul Harper  
Filed : December 21, 2000 Group Art Unit : 2654  
For : CODING AND STORAGE OF PHONETICAL CHARACTERISTICS  
OF STRINGS

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1. **Extension of Time**

- No extension of time is needed.
- Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
- In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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2 **Submission Required Under 37 CFR 1.114**

- Previously submitted  
 Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.
- Enclosed  
 Amendment/Reply  
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 Other \_\_\_\_.

3. **Miscellaneous**

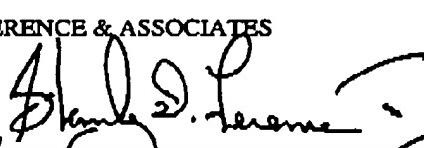
- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.  
 Other \_\_\_\_.

4. **Fees**

- Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the RCE fee.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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